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Renaissance Square Project Partners Announce Issuance of RFP for Design Services

County Executive **Maggie Brooks** announced that the **Main & Clinton Local Development Corporation**, the entity formed to manage the Renaissance Square Project, issued a **Request for Proposal** for design services related to Renaissance Square.

"This is the first big step toward making Renaissance Square a reality," said Brooks. "Today we start the process of assembling the team that will put pen to paper and work with our community to shape the design of Renaissance Square."

Making the announcement with Brooks were her fellow members of the Renaissance Square Project Leadership Team: Rochester Mayor **Bill Johnson**, Monroe Community College President **Tom Flynn**, RGRTA Chief Executive **Mark Aesch**, and Greater Rochester Arts and Cultural Council President **Sarah Lentini**.

The RFP/RFQ will ask for proposals related to professional architectural and engineering services for the Renaissance Square project. Proposals can be submitted to the Main & Clinton Local Development Corporation through December 15. There will also be a pre-bid conference in which respondents to the RFP will be given the opportunity to ask questions.

Renaissance Square will combine a transit center with a new MCC downtown campus and a performing arts center. The integration of these elements allows federal transportation funds to be utilized for some design and construction costs of all three components.

The County Executive was clear in stating that local participation in the Renaissance Square project is key. *"We strongly encourage local firms to submit proposals", said Brooks. "It is important that, on a project of this magnitude for our community, we have local involvement in the planning, design and eventual construction of Renaissance Square."*

The Request for Proposal can be downloaded at the Renaissance Square project Website: www.rensquare.org.

The Renaissance Square project has been gaining momentum since Governor Pataki endorsed it in the State of the State address in January. Monroe County Executive Maggie Brooks and Rochester Mayor Bill Johnson have been working together to lobby the state and federal delegations for funding for the Renaissance — a project that many community leaders see as key to the revitalization of downtown Rochester.

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